

Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following arguments is courteously solicited.

The Examiner has indicated dependent claim 47 which depends directly from independent claim 39 as containing allowable subject matter.

By the instant amendment Applicant has incorporated the subject matter of dependent claim 47 into independent claim 39. Claim 39 as amended is now in condition for allowance. In light of the foregoing, all of the claims as currently pending are now in condition for allowance and an early indicated of same is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

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If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

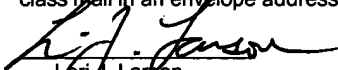
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